Historic Nashville City Cemetery Interments (1846-1979) Metadata

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What's in this dataset?

List of burials in the Nashville City Cemetery from 1846 to 1979 based on original historical documents.

Category:	Genealogy
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Data Provided By:	Historical Commission
Source:	Original Nashville City Cemetery Interment Books
Time Period:	1846 to 1979
Update Frequency:	As needed

Additional Information

How is this data collected?	The Nashville City Cemetery Sextons entered the names and details of burials in the original Interment Books. These books are currently in the collection of the Metro Archives. Metro Archives and the Nashville Town Committee of Colonial Dames sponsored a joint project for a complete new transcription of the original Interment Books. In 2007, the burial records were placed online on the Nashville Public Library website. The Metro Historical Commission continued to keep records of all new interments since 1980. In 2014, the database was expanded and then made available on the Open Data Portal. The data is considered highly reliable and is continually reviewed and revised by MHC and NCCA personnel when new information comes to light.
What does each record represent?	A burial in the Nashville City Cemetery
What are the limitations of the data?	Not all fields will be populated for every record. The first 24 years of cemetery records were lost in the Civil War and are not included in this dataset. Not every burial was individual recorded, particularly in the case of mass interments or relocations. Entries in the data were transcribed exactly as spelled in the Interment Books.
Additional comments:	Burial date is not the date of death for the deceased. Additional detail is available at http://www.thenashvillecitycemetery.org/

Data Dictionary

Data Field Name	Format	Description
Volume	Text	Volume of the Interment Books in which the burial is recorded
Name	Text	Name of the deceased
Burial Month	Text	Calendar month of the burial
Month Number	Number	Numeric month of the burial, useful for sorting
Burial Day	Number	Calendar day of the burial
Burial Year	Number	Calendar year of the burial
Sex	Text	Gender of the deceased
Race	Text	Race of the deceased
Age	Number	Age of the deceased at the time of death
Residence	Text	Permanent residence of the deceased at the time of death
Cause of Death / Burial	Text	Cause of death of the deceased
Avenue	Text	General location of the burial, usually the nearest avenue or road on the City Cemetery map
Section / Lot	Text	Private lot or other location of the burial
Remarks	Text	Additional information about the deceased